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LOCAL NEWS.

A summer normal school is to be held at Onancock Academy during July and August.

The ladies aid society of Lee-mont will hold a festival at the parsonage on Thursday night, May 6th.

A festival will be held at Sanford Methodist church, Messonge, on the 13th of May for the benefit of said church.

Geo. W. McMath, clerk of Lee District School Board, has resigned and John B. Wallace has been appointed in his place.

Mr. F. W. Byrd, of Baltimore will visit our merchants next week. He says that his "Monarch flour" is still ahead of all other brands of flour to the trade.

Match games of base ball will be played between the Exmore and Mappesburg clubs on the 1st day of May at the former place and on the 8th and 13th days of May at the latter place.

The marriage license fee in Maryland after June 1st will be one dollar. The item is given for the benefit of those with matrimonial expectations, who cannot secure parental approval.

Mr. John H. Riley will open out a new stock of goods at his store "on the corner" at Onancock, about 7th inst. His announcement received too late for insertion, will appear in our next issue.

Messrs. Kent & Wilson, Parkersburg, Va., have received a full line of summer dress goods, such as lawns, ginghams, crinkled cloth, &c., to which the attention of the ladies is especially invited.

Mrs. Sally Mears, widow of John Mears, was the lady so shockingly burned to death at her home on Messonge, reported in our columns last week, but whose full name at that time was unknown to us.

Misses Lou and Etta Johnson, Leemont, have returned from the Northern cities with the latest novelties in dress trimmings, millinery and fancy goods and will be ready to receive their customers to-day.

Articles pro and con local option occupy much of our space in this issue. Further communications on the subject must be short, to secure insertion, as we cannot allow them in the future to encroach so much on our news columns.

Read the advertisement of I. H. Merrill & Co, Pocomoke City Md. The firm is one of the latest and carries a large and select stock of goods, at prices which will compare favorably with the best merchants anywhere.

Slocumb & Ames open with their new store at Onancock, filled with new goods of every description and at prices to suit the times next Monday and a cordial invitation is extended every one to be present. Their store is the largest in the two counties.

Mrs. Walter J. Hall will occupy her handsome millinery establishment recently completed on Messonge, next Thursday at which time she returns from the city with everything neat and attractive in the millinery line. Mr. Hall also opens out on same day a full line of mercantile goods.

Col. A. Browne Evans, of Middlesex, Va., attended the last term of our court to assist the Commonwealth in the prosecution of Mr. L. W. Childrey. His address to the jury was forcible and eloquent and he won from our people by his courteous bearing, golden opinions.

L. Floyd Nock, will, as special commissioner sell at public auction at Guilford, on Saturday 22d inst., at 2 p. m., the two tracts of lands of which Margaret Lankford, died, seized and possessed and on Saturday 29th inst., at 2 p. m., the tract of land of which Jno. P. Justis died, seized and possessed.

Mr. W. T. Bundick, Onancock has purchased a large "fly wheel freezer" and can now furnish ice-cream, 5 to 20 gallons at city prices—and he guarantees it to be equal in "taste and quality" to the best the market affords. He keeps also constantly on hand a fine lot of fancy and plain cakes, fresh baked bread &c., manufactured by him. His enterprise should have the encouragement of the public.

Mr. Oswald N. Badger and Miss Missouri A. Ward, were married at Woodland, Northampton county, on Thursday, 20th inst., Rev. B. H. Bennett officiating. Hon. S. S. Wilkins and Miss Sallie C. Thomas acted as groomsmen and bridesmaids. Mr. Badger is a prosperous merchant and both he and his bride are popular in their community. We heartily join in the many good wishes, which will be tendered them.

Mr. W. S. Murphy has returned from a visit to his parents in Delaware.

Fair prices have been realized for asparagus shipped from this section.

Some of our farmers are putting out potato sprouts. Dr. Mapp takes the lead.

Mrs. S. F. Kellam and daughter of Philadelphia, are visiting relatives in this locality.

A hawk shot recently by Mr. George T. Coleburn, measured from tip to tip 4 feet 8 inches.

Mr. B. W. Mears has gone to South Carolina. His tour is for both recreation and business.

The stables, and some fodder and farming implements on premises of Mr. W. W. West were burned accidentally last week. They caught fire from some brush which was being burned.

John Barleycorn got the advantage of several gentlemen at Mappesburg station last Saturday, and a general fight was the result. No serious damage was done to the combatants, but the cause of local option was thereby greatly promoted. One or two more fights would make Pungoteague district safe for the dry ticket on the 15th of May.

Atlantic.

Our farmers are busily engaged in planting corn.

Mr. T. G. Nock will soon occupy his new dwelling at this place.

Irish potatoes are up in this section, and potato bugs are destroying them.

Mr. John J. Tunnell was the first farmer to set out potato sprouts, in this section.

Trout are being caught in our waters with seines, and selling at 50 cents per dozen.

A fine boy has been made Mr. W. S. Matthews the happiest of men in this neighborhood.

Dr. T. T. Taylor is making preparations to build a handsome drug store at this place.

The colored people had a festival on the 25th inst., at Friendship church. The Junior Samaritans also marched around the fair grounds.

Contractor Massey has completed an enormous barn for the Industry Down and Quilting Co., on their farm in Wallop's Neck, known as the goose farm.

A Golden Wedding.

A social event of no little interest occurred in Leemont on the 27th inst. On that occasion Rev. and Mrs. Jno. W. Elliott celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

The wedding was, in many respects, novel and interesting. Of the several guests present at the nuptials fifty years ago, not a single one is now living. An attempt, however, had been carefully made to bring together on this occasion as many family representatives of the former witnesses as opportunity afforded. The bride, who bore her honors with becoming dignity, appeared in a portion of the trousseau worn at her first bridal, and the groom considerably have appeared lighter and happier when he stood at a long and happy union.

Tickets had been issued to numerous friends at a distance, and the surrounding neighborhood on masse. In consequence the house was packed to its utmost capacity. Many golden gifts were showered upon the aged couple, some of them sent by friends at a distance, accompanied by letters of kind congratulations and best wishes. The entertainment was furnished by the ladies of the neighborhood, and the display of the tables, together with the systematic management of this important phase of the occasion, reflected great credit upon the taste and tact of the ladies in charge. This department was under the immediate supervision of Mrs. E. J. Foote, Mrs. W. J. Fosque, Mrs. A. C. Kellam, Mrs. Geo. W. Mears, Mrs. Dr. Mapp, Mrs. Geo. W. Stockley, Mrs. O. D. Doughty, Mrs. L. J. Phillips and Miss M. E. Smith. The reception committee was composed of Mrs. Geo. H. Garrison, Mrs. N. B. Rich, Mrs. F. W. Hudson and Mrs. Elias Stiles. Dr. J. E. Mapp, Mr. John W. Edmunds and Dr. G. W. LeCato acted as ushers, while the important role of "best man" and bridesmaid, was delegated to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. B. Mapp.

Among the notable guests present were Mr. and Mrs. Levi Ames from Portsmouth, who had made a special journey to Accomac in honor of the occasion. A huge brides cake, contributed by a friend in Norfolk, and forwarded by express, won universal admiration, and deserves special mention. The elaborate icing was ornamented with a trimming of flowers and golden leaves, among which was a full sized artistic representation of two clasped hands, a figure of one bearing the conventional wedding ring emblematic of the occasion. The reception lasted from half past seven until half past ten, and was voted by the retiring guests one of the most enjoyable social events of the season.

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"The colored troops fought bravely," Under the leadership of the Rev. Mr. Cole of the Delaware Conference they assembled at their church, and at nine o'clock marched in solid column to the polls, and notwithstanding the bust of the liquor men that they would buy them all up, they cast their solid vote against the greatest enemy of their race: six colored votes only being cast against the temperance ticket. Musicians sang and the shouts of the victors rent the air as they rolled up the temperance majority. Many were influenced to vote right by the smiles and earnest pleadings of our ladies. The eyes of the "bolters of the sea" filled with tears as mothers clung to wayward boys and entreated them to cast their ballots against the enemy of God and home. The going down of the sun witnessed the termination of the conflict, and the complete rout of the opposing forces. Two hundred and Sixty-four votes against, and only thirty-eight for license. The evening closed with a triumphal march of the victors through the principal street, keeping steps to the tunes of their battle songs.

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But if the reverse is true, if the liquor traffic of this county makes drunkards, cruel husbands, and unkind fathers, if it breaks women's hearts and degrades children, if it entices our boys and young men to become drunkards, if it helps to fill our penitentiaries and almshouses, our asylums and our jails, if it stimulates riot and fighting in our towns, if it encourages impurity at the ballot box, if it is an enemy to good government; if it is an enemy of law and order and civilization, then can we as voters give a single reason under Heaven, why we as honest voters and honest men, can vote for and entertain the traffic with such a record—especially those of us who have boys and girls who in a few years will take our places in the world?

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